



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION
NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE



Northeast Regional Office/Fisheries Statistics Office
Fishery Information Section

Weekly Black Sea Bass Quota Report (No. 30)

Black Sea Bass Landings (pounds) for **Quarter III** (Jul-Sept 2000).

State	Late Entries	Week Ending 29-JUL-00	Period Cumulative Total (to date)	2000 Quarter III Quota	Percent Landed
ME	0	0	0		
NH	0	0	0		
MA	38,835	11,291	73,320		
RI	1,715	788	4,151		
CT	117	4	195		
NY	3,341	1,787	10,397		
NJ	13,260	5,667	47,906		
DE	1,209	920	2,129		
MD	18,803	1,592	70,100		
VA	16,771	578	47,268		
NC	1,096	1,177	3,943		
TL	95,147	23,804	259,409	273,155	95.0

Notes:

Effective July 25, 2000, fishing vessels issued a federal moratorium permit for the black sea bass fishery may no longer land black sea bass for the remainder of the Quarter III Period.

These data are the best available to NMFS when this report was compiled. Data are supplied to NMFS by dealers and/or state agencies and may be preliminary.

If negative late entries are present on this report, they are the result of corrections made to the database.

For the week ending **29-JUL-00**, 202 dealers held a federal black sea bass permit. Of those 202 dealers, 142 (70%) have submitted a weekly quota report for the current reporting week to the Northeast Regional Office. Because Massachusetts dealers submit weekly quota reports directly to the state, the number of dealers that reported from Massachusetts for week ending **29-JUL-00** were not included in the above percentage of dealers that reported to the Northeast Regional Office.

The following summary is updated as information is received, and may not reflect recent state actions. Readers are urged to contact the appropriate state agency for further information.

State Information on Black Sea Bass (2000 Quarter III Quota Period)

- This table is to be used for informational purposes only, and should not be relied on for state regulations. That information should be attained directly from the individual states.

State/ Commonwealth	Closure status	Trip/Possession Limits (pounds)	Other Provisions/ Pending Changes	State Contact
Maine				Kerry Lyons 207-633-9510
New Hampshire				603-868-1095
Massachusetts	Closed	Beginning Tuesday, 7/27/2000 through 9/30/2000, the commercial fishery for black sea bass for federal permit holders will be closed.		Dave Pierce 617-727-3193
Rhode Island		Effective 4/1/2000 through 9/30/2000, the possession limit for black sea bass in Rhode Island is 3,000 lbs.		April Valliere 401-222-3075 401-789-3094
Connecticut		Effective 4/1/2000 through 6/30/2000, the trip limit for black sea bass in Connecticut is 3,000 lbs.		Colleen Giannini 860-434-6043
New York	Closed	Effective Friday, 6/16/2000, and ending 2400 hrs on Friday, 6/30/2000, a closure is in effect for black sea bass landings by any holder of a New York Commercial Food Fish License in the State of New York.		John Mason 516-444-0453
New Jersey		The trip limit for the third quarter (Jul-Sept 2000) will be 2,000 lbs and the trip limit for the fourth quarter (Oct-Dec 2000) will be 3,000 lbs.		Tom McCloy 609-292-2083
Delaware				Rick Cole 302-739-4782

State Information on Black Sea Bass (2000 Quarter III Quota Period)

- This table is to be used for informational purposes only, and should not be relied on for state regulations. That information should be attained directly from the individual states.

Maryland	Closed	Effective 0001 hrs on Tuesday, 7/25/2000, permitted vessels may not land black sea bass and dealers may not purchase black sea bass in the coastal region until the beginning of the fourth quarter (Oct-Dec) 2000.		Harley Speir 410-260-8303
Virginia		During the period July 1 through Sept. 30 of each year, it shall be unlawful for any person to possess aboard any vessel or to land in Virginia more than 2,000 lbs of black sea bass, except when it is announced that the coastwide quota for this period has been reached.		Lewis Gillingham 757-247-2243
North Carolina	Closed	Effective 0001 hrs on Sunday, 6/11/2000 through 6/30/2000, no person or fishing operation may take, possess, land, sell or offer for sale black sea bass taken with commercial fishing equipment or for commercial purposes from the Atlantic Ocean north of Cape Hatteras.		Fentress "Red" Munden, 919-726-7021